



Legislative Affairs Council

Choosing an Issue

Goals	Organizational Considerations	Constituents, Allies, & Opponents	Targets	Tactics
<p>Long Term The long term goal of voter access is to diminish all barriers young people have to being registered to vote.</p> <p>Both extending the deadline and giving 16 and 17 year olds the opportunity to register to vote at the Department of Licensing will increase access that young people and students have to being registered to vote.</p>	<p>Since WSA is already focusing on this item it is possible for us to work with other WSA schools to have issue specific lobby days, days of action, letter writing campaigns, and other forms of direct action like we did last year when WSA focused on voter access.</p> <p>This is already a great time to collect stories from students that had difficulty registering to vote and the barriers to registering that they experienced.</p> <p>Since this is an issue that not only effects college students but all young people it is a great opportunity to work with community colleges, parent groups, high schools, and other supporters for accessible voter registration.</p>	<p>Constituents and Allies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Young people from the age of 18-24. -County Auditors -Secretary of State, Kim Wyman -Following representatives/senators sponsored the voter access bills in the last session: Fitzgibbon, Hunt, Stanford, Appleton, Ryu, Van De Wege, Lytton, Tharinger, Hudgins, Liias, Uptegrove, Farrell, Cody, Sawyer, Jinkins, Roberts, Reykdal, Maxwell, Riccelli, Santos, Pollet, Bergquist, Hansen, and Onnsby Billig, Hasegawa, Dameille, Nelson, Ranker, Frockt, Murray, Rolfes, Kohl-Welles, Schlicher, Shin, Conway, Kline 	<p>Primary</p> <p>Last year the primary target was Senator Pam Roach but because of a tight race in the 31st and the uncertainty that she will be reelected, the primary target will be the Chair of the Washington State Senate on Governmental Operations.</p> <p>Secondary</p> <p>The secondary target will be the members of the Senate Committee on Governmental Operations. However, there is currently an election going on and it is impossible to tell who will be on that committee especially in leadership roles.</p>	<p>Org/Educational</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Campus lobbying. -GOTV -Voter Registration -Days of Action -Turnout for Out



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<p>Intermediate Pass two bills similar to HB 1267 and 1279 in the 2015 Legislative Session.</p>	<p>The Vote Coalition has had an increase in voters registered over the last couple years and this may look to certain legislators as though students don't have an accessibility problem. But this doesn't take in account how many more students could register if the deadline was extended. This also doesn't take in account for those who are not college students who only are asked to register to vote when they get their licenses when it is renewed. This could be years after their 18* birthday and statistics show if people started voting early they are more likely to continue throughout life. These bills would make voter more accessible for everyone, college students, high school students that are 18, and young people in general.</p>			<p>Power</p>
<p>Short Term Registering students at Western to vote at their current address and make it as accessible as possible without the two bills listed above.</p>	<p>Some potential problem with these bills is that they don't include students wishing to update their mailing address.</p>	<p>Opponents</p> <p>Representatives who vote no on the bills last year:</p> <p>HB 1267 Representatives Chandler, Condotta, Crouse, DeBolt, Fagan, Haler, Hargrove, Harris, Holy, Hope, Johnson, Klippert, Kochmar, Kretz, Kristiansen, MacEwen, Manweller, Nealey, Orcutt, Overstreet, Parker, Pike, Rodne, Ross, Schmick, Scott, Shea, Short, Taylor, Vick, Walsh, Wamick, Wilcox</p> <p>HB 1279 Representatives Alexander, Angel, Buys, Chandler, Condotta, Crouse, Dahlquist, DeBolt, Fagan, Haler, Hargrove, Harris, Hawkins, Hayes, Holy, Hope, Johnson, Klippert, Kochmar, Kretz, Kristiansen, It was never voted on by the Senate.</p>		



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